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CONDITIONAL PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

If any extension of time for this response is required, Applicants request that this be considered a petition therefore. Please charge the required fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

ADDITIONAL FEES

Please charge any further insufficiency of fees, or credit any excess to Deposit Account No. 14-1263.

REMARKS

All previous claims have been canceled. Newly added claims 21-38 are pending.

The claims have been amended to specifically require that the dilutable composition be a translucent or transparent gel; i.e., all limitations drawn toward diluting a viscous microemulsion have been canceled.

Previous claims 16-20 were rejected as allegedly being obvious over the combined teachings of Friedman and Posanski. Friedman discloses the preparation of microemulsions, and further suggests that enhanced viscosity can be achieved by adding either thickening/gelling agents, or increasing the amount of non-aqueous phase.

Specifically, Posanski reference was cited for teaching that one can dilute a lecithin-containing concentrate to form a microemulsion. However, there is no indication that gels are formed or involved in any way. Nor is there any identification of the nature of the colloidal form of the concentrate. It is merely disclosed as a concentrate.

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It is known and accepted in the art that gels represent a different compositional state than emulsions or microemulsions.


Therefore, the new claims overcome the rejection by describing a dilutable gel. There has been no references applied that disclose or achieve such a composition.

The new claims do add new matter, and are clearly supported by the specification and original claims.

Accordingly, allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,

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